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THE BIOGRAPHY OF FAYETTE COUOTY'S MERCILESS MAST-ERS AND SERVILE TOOLS

mpathize with Captain Hood as cold wet cement floors. people of Kanawha and Fayxists in this guard ridden and ursed section it sounds "fishy" ptain not only eulogizes some more suitable for Mayor Kelley, of Thurwould think he was an of an ideal if reports from

police," Mr. Mont. Black, are

pt. Hood's Historical The editor didn't tell us that Mr. Fayette Journal, he Black, a detective and Mr. Kelley political crooks of both got fees out of railroading to as well as some of jail these unfortunates and that it abor expoliters of this non un- was a paying business. He told us guard ridden disgrace to West nothing about the crowded, lousy jail rginia. We don't know whether to where men were forced to sleep on hopeless, helpless submissive tool us a picture of the sheriff's fine res Fayette county's political boss and idence, but he didn't tell us that he crowned king of slave drivers grafted 25 cents a day off of every m Dixon or to admire his nerve. prisoner sent to jail by his friend way Boss Dixon owns his job Mayor Kelley. He didn't tell the pubhas bought the Captain's time lie that Sam Dixon was the man who as who ever owns the job owns broke the miner's union on New we are inclined to think River and brought the armed thugs Captain Hood belongs to Sam and guards into that district and that n soul and body, for the time Mayor Kelley and the Baldwin guards This "Historical Edition" of were working together hand in glove. ain Hoad's would read good to There are a great many things the on in Alaska or Cape Horn, but Captain omitted from this edition that would have been inetresting counties, especially the work-reading for the public, but then the reople who know the condition Captain is only one of King Dixon's tools, and as a tool he had to listen to his master's voice and praise the bosses other tools, Mayor Kelley and ers that are known to be dis- all. If the reports are true that le, but he made it good and comes to us from a seemingly reliay trying to put a halo on the ble source, the officials of Fayette county are practicing peonage. The o read Captain Hood's bi- Baldwin detective agency with their brutal guards, maintained by the coal barons of Favette county to teridecutive, but when the truth rorize the unarmed miners have been gullty of some of the blackest and most cowardly crimes known to thion are true. It seems that crimnality. The Al Deck case is one. In this case for no other reason than being a union miner Al Deck was Mielley and his "very efficient wd cheek and jowl with the beaten and mangled by these human gri county officials and are fur-night peons for the building of brutes and left for dead on the railroad track. The Bob Wick robbery the mobile road from Fayette is another case and many other stalo Fayetteville. The editor crimes too numerous to mention are layette Journal failed to tell directly traceable to the guards and Mont. Black was arresting Sam Dixon is responsible for the men and boys for tres- guard system in Fayette county, and on the railroad and taking Sam Dixon hires Captain Hood. Mayor Kelley and hav. entenced to from 40 to 60 ography given these crooks and graft-

HARISON COUNTY'S CORRUPT OFFICIALS so so so certain as trying to make a do is to point the way. It is to the burdens of the world. It will see a risk in the dependent to the control of the

Messistand Before the Bar of Justice his confidence in it. Individually have a hundred then we are a hundred t

B . H. KINTZER. The spe | grand jury of the crimhich it is in, beyond doubt, that indictment. n committed, found true bills afinst Sherman C. Dena matchless or upt and diabolical to say that while it was customary to thank the jury he would have it understood thank the jury he would have it understood that he was not thanking the committee. the tools and assals of the indomitable boss. As inst Denham the jury them, in attending the sessions, etc. found four tilictments, with two was saddled to responsibility for cighteen contained in twelve indictments. the same offenses.

volved amounts to about \$20,000. The grand just took up its duty on Wednesday December 13, and December 13, and completed its ork on Friday, Decomber 15, in t slons of Vedne itors M. 4 Kyl fullus Scierr. morning. The sesenabled the audon the eveling adjournment of at day's sessions, man that Denham would receive the "From many, one." ame consideration when they balloted Friday morning. The concurrence of the jury was that that was are heavy laden.

20ing to be done. However, during the night the sentiment of several justice that dea urors changed, and it is said for all. the reason that much coersion was used upon a most prominent member of that jury, bringing into the play the charge now hanging over his brother, whom he desires to shield. and for whom was promised the influence of Denham and his political machinery in the clearing up of these charges. On taking up the ballot of Friday morning to indict Denham. the universal chorus resolved itself into a bare 2 favoring indictment. Austin Smith who was secretary of the jury, changed his mind during the night, while Jackson Flete er

remained true

ions as lie had through the Jury:

Joshua Smith

tham. These four later, when there was nothing else but indictment lective will that must dominate the cohesive body we would present a in the control of the socialists. This inal court ich had been given the explicit dit to examine the report their votes and ratified the work of At of the sta tax commissioner in the jury, making it unanimous for Comrade Brown recommended the

ham, the rablican ring leader of charged, but the judge took occasion suggestion was immediately taken ing of his duty to the cause. them for finding an indictment or Lang and his rother, John G. Lang, not finding an indictment, but for tive to the work that was before abezzlement and lar- It will be recalled that the Telegram "prompt and efficient service."

Later on Friday morning Sherman C. Denham and A. A. and J. G. Lang filed bond for \$10.000 each for their appearance at court, which will convene in March, 1912.

SOCIALISM.

Socialism is friendship, fellowship, W. Stewart and ship in rights, duties, privileges, imleave Clarksburg munities, and obligations of the enn for Charleston, tire human family, children, women with a heart felt "Happy New Year." of time to these and men. It is practice of the doc- Of all persons we have the most reawitnesses were trine, "United we stand; divided, we son to feel happy. This year means sday and by the fall." It is the application of the more to us than to any class of perlaw, "In union there is strength." upon almost to a It is the meaning of America's motto.

Socialism is the proclamation of emancipation to all who labor and All national elections are important,

Socialism is equity, the evenhanded all others in the issues involved, any other fake issue of that nature.

Socialism is the antidote of human suffering.

Socialism is freedom in its final that is now upon us. analysis. Socialism is fate and manifest des-

tiny. Socialism is certain and salvation. Socialism is the inheritance by all the children of men of the kingdom of happiness here and now,

manism. justice and truth.

Socialism is the gospel of the atonement of humanity for "man's inhumanity to man."

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Socialism is the secand coming of ilies and their comrades. Roosevelt and nood that knows no master. It means and child should not be alone new internationalism means that the void of quarrers and cri Roosevelt and all of this, and more than this. It means an end to the infamics now all, and until this condition in the property of the roof of the demand of the desire of all, but the desire of all, but the desire of all, and until this condition in the roof of the roof

o his first conout to do all "the elder brother."-Capt. W. E. P. is given out. indicting Den- French, U. S. A.

THE ANNIVERSARY EDITION

COMRADES: ON JANUARY 25, 1912, THE LABOR ARGUS WHLI HAVE BEEN A CLEAN CUT, CLASS CONSCIOUS, SOCIALIST PAPER FOR A YEAR. OUR ENEMIES PREDICTED WHEN THE "ARGUS" CHANGED FROM A UNION PAPER, PURE AND SIMPLE. TO A REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST PAPER THAT IT WOULD NOT SIX WEEKS. WE ARE STILL ALIVE AND OUR ENEMIES WILL TESTIFY THAT WE ARE VERY MUCH ALIVE. WE ARE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS EDITION: EUGENE V. DEBS GEO, R. KIRKPATRICK, J. STITT WILSON, HAROLD W. HOUSTON FROM WEEK TO WEEK WE WILL GIVE THE NAMES AND WILL BE ONE OF THE BEST PROPAGANDA EDITIONS EVER PUB-LISHED ANYWHERE. FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES WE ARE SEND IN YOUR ORDERS FOR THIS ANNIVERSARY EDITION, SO WE WILL KNOW HOW MANY TO HAVE PRINTED

SOCIALISTS OF OHIO COUNTY PERFECT ORGANIZATION

The largest and most interesting | quent members, the reorganizing of county took place in Wheeling, De-

bly Hall. J. W. Brown, of Charleston, was present and gave a short talk on organization.

Here, as everywhere else, the keynote of his speech was on efficiency, was adopted. We have reached the point, he said, where we have got to prove our fit-

'At the conclusion of his speech finest steel. tion whose soul duty would be to car-After the indictments were reported to the court the jury was dis-

By Harola W. Houston.

Day the year of 1912 will be ushered

but the election of 1912 far surpasses

that sends the blood tingling through

"malefactors of great went-

all history.

HAPPY NEW

flict. We are happy because this is We have forced the intellectual pros-

the year of a great national election. titutes of capitalism to acknowledge

happy at this time, but one thing toiler be a free man?

may rail in hypocritical impotency at the nation by

local meeting ever held in Ohio old locals, the organization of new ones, and raising of a campaign fund new deal for the workingman. The by voluntary contribution and other-robbers will fight desperately for ember 18th, at the Trades Assem- by voluntary contribution and otherwise for the purpose of carrying or the same A motion to reduce the represen

tation in the county local from three delegates from each rbanch to one

With these changes in the personal in the county organization our fitness to be through the perfec- has placed itself in a formidable potion of our organization." "It were sition to carry on an aggressive line of but ten men who stood for a col- But the comrades in general must lective program than an organization not get into their heads that when called themselves socialists and yet tion all they have to do is to sit down were not big enough to swallow their and walt the commencing of the co-own little petty personalities." "Not, operative commonwealth. Now, he said that he would obliterate per- more than ever before must each hood will no longer be starved. sonal ambition, but personal ambition comrade who is worthy the name. in the socialist movement is essen- put his shoulder to the wheel. All tial treason. In fact, there is no trea- the committee and county local can into the lives of those who bear the son so certain as trying to make a do is to point the way. It is to the burdens of the world. It will see the self. A dependent political move-ment is twice cursed. It betrays it-comrades in good standing, then, capitalism that has so long darkened self as well as every man who places that measures our strength, if we the world. It will see a loosening of speaking, man is an aggregation of dred strong, with a thousand, then atoms. In the socialist movement a thousand strong, and with twenty Virginia swing into the control of he becomes an atom of an aggrega- per cent of the voters of Ohio the workers of the state. It wil. tion. It is the expression of the col- county organized into a compact

On the whole the meeting was a election of a committee on organiza- great success and every comrade went home with a better grip on the movement and a better understand-The work of the committee shall Kanawha and Harrison for first hon-be the collecting of dues from delin-ors in the fall election of 1912.

the workingman laughs at his mock

"crown of thorns and cross of gold"

ing straw. The year of 1912 sees a

It is an issue that will never be laid

aside until it is solved. Old party

that they must meet this issue. It

To be a "free man" does not mean

recognize this issue. Mark Hanna said that socialism would be the is sue in 1912. 1912 is here and so cialism is the issue. Furthermore, it will remain the issue until it tri-The harlot press of the masters has thrown off the mantel of silence and is preparing to demolish us. A magazine called "The Common Cause has been started in New York "to oppose the propaganda of socialism which we believe is fundamentally destructive to the best interests of the nation and society." Among its first contributors we find Rooseveli and Bryan. Thus we see all enemies of the working class lined up against

ades, that we have forced them to

So, comrades, let us rejoice at the coming of the New Year. The seed we have sown so painfully in the past is bringing its fruitage, Harvest time is coming. Our cause—the cause of all humanity—is finding its voice. It is not a voice crying in the Today its voice is a thunder roll. The tread of the socallist army shakes the earth. The emotest hamlet has its valiant army of social revolutionists who are making the mountains echo and re-echo with the call to battle for freedom. Our press, maned by fearless fighters and brilliant thinkers, are hurling thunder-bolts at the citadel of entrenched wrong. The cowardly thieves who masquerade as "the very renched wrong. sealed. their right to rob. Let us close up our ranks, comrades, for the political

battle that is now here. The year 1912 will be memorable because it will see many things. It will see many cities and counties join the socialist column. It will se an army of socialists go to out state ness to be, and we can only prove the socialist party in Ohio county legislatures to help make taws. It will see at least twenty socialist congressmen go to join Victor Berger. better that our organization consist of agitation and organizaton work. It will see the political power of some states go to the builders of a better civilization. It will see an upcomposed of a hundred men who they have percected their organiza- rising of the toilers at the ballot box that will send terror to'the hearts of the industrial masters. It will see the dawning of the day when child-

will see the beginning of the end of see Kanawha and Harrison counties front to the enemy worthy of his is a part, comrades, what the year of 1912 will see. So I say to you "A happy New Year." I know that in your heart and upon your lips is the song of victory.

THE LARGER STRUGGLE OF

The same human nature is at work now as always. The same everlasting passion for tyranny and the same everlasting passion for liberty still in the same everlasting conflict. Today the struggles is a step higher

than one hundred years before.

Then it was the right of men as men to a voice in the management of that industry we call government dealers in forts, coinage, courts, harbors, postage stamps.

Now it is a right of men as men With the coming of New Year's heroics. Bryan may bellow about his to a voice in any other industry which has become of supreme social in. Comrades, what visions that until his oily tongue is parched, but importance, for the right of the peo-brings to mind. 1912 is destined to the toiler will not "walk into his ple to be free from taxation without become the most memorable year in parlor." We have cause to rejoice all history. We have talked about that these political bunco steerers representation in any business which has so great a power over us that it omradeship. It is the joint owner- and thought of, and dreamed of the can no longer work their con game governs us, to have a voice in any incoming of this year. Now it is here on the American workingman. The dustry so great that those who own and we can joyfully greet each other toilers have gotten tired of thrashit own us, to a vote in any property so great that it is a government real issue enter the political arena. whether it be the control of the railroads or the lights of cities, or the supply of the necessaries of life. like sons. It brings us joy and inspira-tion to sustain us in the coming con-but this year they can not dodge it. coal, oil, salt, steel or anything else.

-Henry Demarest Lloyd.

Complete returns from the election for members of Parliament in is not a tariff issue, a silver issue, or Switzerland last month show that the Socialists increased their seats justice that deals impartially by There are many things to make us The real issue is, shall the American from six in the last session of the national legislative body to 15 in the our veins is the political struggle simply to be free from police interference. It means to be free to live This struggle means more than a real human life. It means the right from 80,000 to 105,000. This is re- the world. And they deserve the This struggle means more than the distribution of the struggle means more than the first time in American politics the struggle that has ever to be free from robbery. It means to be free from robbery. It means the first time in American politics the slavery. It means freedom to work the slavery. It means freedom to work the slavery. It means freedom to work the slavery to the sl class struggle will be of paramount of the ones we love, not for a parimportance. The nation has awak-

KELLY AXE CO. CUTS WAGES

umphs. Taft said that it is the issue. An Appreciative Christmas Gift to the Wage Slave.

ent year and after they had practi-Mr. Kelly's terms and conditions. At that time it was charged that Kelthey were cheap. As now Mr. Kelley is able to make them pay themselves. besides. We are informed that Mr. blood, realize that their doom is sealed. The nour has struck for a Kelly showed the men an axe and told them it was machine made and shorter. There is but one remedy, could be produced much cheaper than he was making axes and in orwho were making axes by machine wages of the men. It matters not to will show you the way out and Kelly the Kelly Axe Company if his men will drive you through.

The Kelly Axe Mfg. Co. gave their are reduced below the poverty level. men in the bitdrawing department It matters not to them that a human a Christmas gift no doubt they will life is being ground into every so appreciate, in the form of reduction many axes. It matters not to them if in wages. The men in the entire bit- the workers must deny himself and drawing department were cut 10 his family the necessities of life. His cents on the hundred, which amounts one aim and ambition is profit, and to about 30 cents a day and the in-dications are that the entire work-it. He is pitting the brawn and skill ing force of the factory will receive of his workmen against a machine. a similar cut. The bitdrawers de. The men have familles to provide for partment of the Kelly Axe Company and must eat and wear clothes, pay faced a lockout the first of the pres- house rent and rest and sleep. The machine has no family, no rent to cally won in the controversy the men pay, wears no clothes, nor does it weakened and went back to work on need rest nor sleep, but works on and on and grumbes not. Again we see the effects of a capitalistic system. ly hired some of the union men to The machine instead of being a benescab for \$50,00. Doubtless these fit to the working class is a means of same men who betrayed their class oppression and exploitation. The and fellow workers realize now that socialists offers the only reasonable and practical solution of the probtrenched wrong. The cowardly thieves who masquerade as "the very best citizens," and then rob even childhood of its joys for the few hirtheright and \$22.00 a root of work by it or have to compete with it, but the opposite is true. The pennies they can coin out of their besides. We are inform year profit burden of the tolling masses will be carried by the machine, the work will be lighter and the workday a working class political action. what the socialists have been unable der to compete with the company to teach you, Mr. Kelly will drive process he would have to cut the you to understand. The Socialists

SOCIALISM IS ON THE WAY: CAMPBELL

THE SOCIAL REVOLT "This new internationalism ialism—is the common ideal of a strangers. What is the connecting

spend two months in America for naught. The effect is distinct, em- ducers in China means a step fornight. Think of it! Here's how it ganized-fighting. appened.

Dr. Campbell was dwelling on the fact that certain features of the mediaeval church, for instance, orphan asylums, hospitals and other elimosiary institutions, were now in the hands of society, where they belong. When he reached that part of his discourse, he said, in his most noetic manner.

main auditorium of Plymouth Congregational church, Van Buren and Oneida streets. Wednesday night. and was preceeded by a banquet in honor of the distinguished Londoner. Sees Social Unrest.

world of ours shows us three distinct get ready." characteristics—the social unrest of our time: the dawn of a new and vast internationalism and the comparative decay of religion," said Dr. Campbell.

there is social unrest is now admitted in an address before a mass meeting by our most conservative brothers. held in the national Rifles Armory The people are dissatisfied, and by the people I mean those who work for a living. They are dissatisfied. They are discontented. And why? Because the workers are waking up abrogate the pass-port treaty with to a realization that they are entitled to that which they produce: they are of alienating the Hebrew vote. entitled to the world itself. They realize that they deserve the abundant life. And what is more, they are beginning to realize that they posses the power to do anything they may decide upon.

Find Class Struggle.

"And so we find a class struggle The workers are striking econominew Parliament. The gain in the cally, politically, religiously, and in popular vote was 25,000, raising the every conceivable manner. They are total socialist strength in Switzer- striking for the world. They want

hare we surprised at the characteris-So- ties of others. We are no longer of common people. It is coming. Nothing can stop it. The Social revolution is on its way. You had better get ready."—The Rev. It. J. Camptell in Physical Congregational the left in Physical Congregational the church?

The Rev. It. J. Camptell and London? Why are all their ideals similar in the main?

Because they have interests main? Because they have interests The Rev. R. J. Campbell, pastor of that are identical; they have earththe City Temple, London, did not ly heavens within common reach; they realize that a victory of the prophatic and staggering-Dr. Camp- ward in Indiana. The world is tied bell used slang in his address last together. At last is the world or-

Calls it Socialism.

"What is this new internationalism? Nothing more than socialism. Socialism is the demand of the workers for more life, for more air. for cleanliness, health, beauty, love and joy. Socialism gives concrete expression to these aspirations. So cialism thrills youth and manhood with new internationalism and produces a ferver even more intense than was the church ever able to produce.

"This new internationalism-Lso cialism-is the common ideal of a common people. It is coming. Nothing can stop it. The social revolu-"A casual survey of this little tion is on its way. You had better

SOCIALIST WILL WIN.

That the socialists will rule the United States in ten years is the prediction of Victor L. Berger, so-"Let me dwell on the first. That cialist congressman from Wisconsin, in Washington on December 18th.

The only socialist member of congress declared that the apparent desire on the part of that body to Russia was merely for the purpose

He explained that the recent defeat of the socialist party in Los Angeles was due solely to the McNamara incident, and justified the action in defending the dynamiters, the socialists in that they were be ileved to be innocent.

Mr. Berger told his hearers that the big business interests did not vant war, and "they only stopped playing dollar diplomacy in congress occasionally to get a few votes."

"They laugh at me up there", he said, "but I am the sole representative of 2,000,000 votes and 10,000,-000 persons, and none of the rest. democrat or replublican can say

difference of men of the kinglom of happiness here and now.

Socialism is the religion of hunanism.

Socialism is the trinity of love.

Socialism is the gospel of the social social indication to the social so Lawyers make their living on quar-